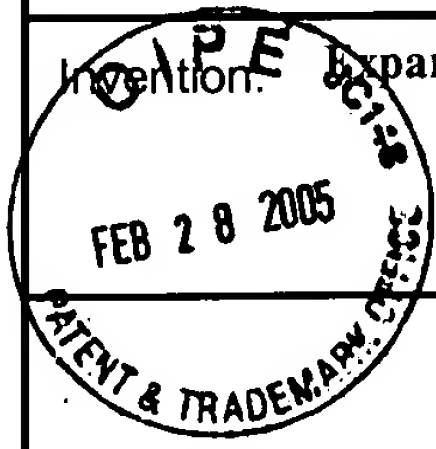


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper. The claims have not been amended.

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